

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE BUSINESS AND LABOR CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. John L. Valentine, Chair
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Daniel R. Liljenquist
Sen. Karen Mayne

Members Absent:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund

Staff Present:

Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Joy L. Miller, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Valentine called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Consideration of Proposed Appointments to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

Mr. Jeffrey Wright introduced himself and explained his qualifications to serve on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

Mr. Wright responded to questions from the Committee. He discussed the business, enforcement, and hospitality issues relating to serving on the Commission

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to recommend to the Senate the nomination of Jeffrey Wright to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Richard J. Sperry introduced himself and explained his qualifications to serve on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

Mr. Sperry responded to questions from the Committee. He stated this is an important business that provides both revenue and services. He stressed the need to balance providing these services with public health and safety.

Sen. Hinkins said that whether a person is a drinker or nondrinker should not significantly affect the person's ability to perform the duties of a commissioner. He noted that if the public is concerned with how the Commission functions, the public can come to the Legislature to address the issue.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to recommend to the Senate the nomination of Richard J. Sperry to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Liljenquist moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Valentine adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.